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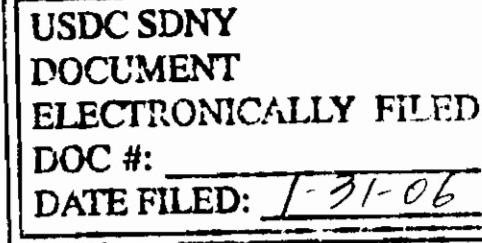
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**VIA FACSIMILE**

The Honorable Victor Marrero  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007



**Re: Alliance for Open Society International, et al. v. United States Agency for International Development, 05 Civ. 8209**

Dear Judge Marrero:

On January 19, 2006, proposed Amicus Curiae InterAction filed a motion to participate as amicus curiae and an accompanying memorandum of law in the above referenced matter. Plaintiffs' counsel has consented to the relief sought in that motion, and Defendants' counsel stated that he would consent to the extent that Defendants' be given an opportunity to respond. However, the undersigned neglected to first seek permission from the Court, in accordance with the Court's local rules, and we apologize for this oversight. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience that this has caused and consider this letter to serve as our request for permission to file this motion.

InterAction is the largest existing alliance of United States based international development and humanitarian nongovernmental organizations. Many of InterAction's members are directly affected by the policy at issue in the above referenced matter. InterAction has moved to participate as amicus curiae in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction in order to explain why the policy at issue violates the First Amendment rights of its members.

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We have enclosed two additional courtesy copies of the motion and memorandum of law.  
Please contact us at (973) 596-4497, if we can be of any further assistance to the Court.

Sincerely yours,

/ Megan Lewis

cc: Rebekah Diller  
Richard E. Rosenberger

Request GRANTED. The motion of  
Intervenor (ocket No. 36) to par-  
ticipate in this action as amicus  
curiae is granted. Intervenor is  
authorized to file a memorandum  
of law. The Government elects to respond  
SO ORDERED. Served, it shall appear a day by  
1-30-06

DATE	VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.
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